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LILLIE R. ERNST MEMORIAL PROGRAM

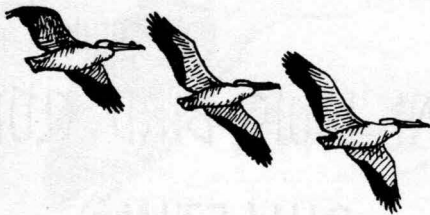
A special program in memory of the late Lillie R. Ernst, distinguished bird student and teacher, one of the city's leading citizens, and Bird Club guiding light, will be presented on Tuesday evening, October 24th, at Soldan High School. Miss Ernst's friend and field companion, Wayne Short, of St. Louis and New York City, President of the Club, Midwestern Representative and Assistant to the Executive of the National Audubon Society, will deliver a brief memorial tribute. Cleve and Ruth Grant, brilliant wildlife photographers, of Jaffrey, New Hampshire, will show their superb all-color motion picture, "Friends in Fur and Feathers," a story of the beauty of the out-of-doors, its birds, its flowers, its animal friends, all so loved by Miss Ernst. Mr. and Mrs. Grant's film is replete with fascinating shots of the nestings of the Canada goose, ferruginous rough-legged hawk, gadwall, red-wing black-bird, clay-colored sparrow, catbird and gold-finch. The slow motion camera affords studies of coots and ducks in flight and running deer. The story of the growth of the Grant's pet fawn is presented as well. As a climax, some of the great concentration of ducks on the federal refuges will be shown. The program will be free and open to the public with invitation extended particularly to Miss Ernst's former students and her school associates. The St. Louis Bird Club, in presenting to St. Louis an L. R. Ernst Memorial Program, honors an unusual woman who devoted her life to educational and social problems of her city, encouraged its children to become better citizens, inspired its citizens to greater work and richer living.



Lillie R. Ernst

Lillie R. Ernst was born on Sept. 14, 1870 and lived until Dec. 6, 1943. Her rich and admirable life began, was lived, and ended in St. Louis. To the welfare of St. Louis and its citizens she loyally dedicated her entire life. Her training was St. Louis in nature: beginning at the Clay and Ames Schools; continuing at Central High School; graduation with honors at Washington University; later an Honorary Master's Degree and membership in Phi Beta Kappa from that University. Her vocation was St. Louis in particular: teacher at her own alma mater, Central High; principal at the Cote Brillante School; Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, St. Louis Schools; principal, Blewett High School. Her avocation was St. Louis in general: its wealth of bird life, flowers, its out-of-doors. Her immediate interests were St. Louis in number: leader of the St. Louis Bird Club; board member of both the St.

Louis Children's Hospital and the Urban League of St. Louis; honorary member of the Wednesday Club; co-worker in the League of Women Voters, Community School and a host of other activities. Her thinking, however, was as broad as education and the out-of-doors themselves as evidenced by her membership in the National Education Association, American Association of School Administrators, Association of Childhood Education, Progressive Education Association, National Society for the Study of Education and by her membership also in the Alpine Club of Canada, enthusiastic mountain climber that she was. Widest of all and most important was her influence: reflected world-wide today in the stronger characters of her countless students overseas, of her many friends here at home.



NEW CHECK LIST

Fresh from the press is a new and very welcome "Daily Field Check List" of the birds of St. Louis and vicinity. It is a comprehensive but practical, pocket-sized answer to a crying need for a handy field trip record. Compiled with the average birder in mind, it lists 277 species out of a possible 315 that could be recorded in St. Louis during a year. The list is not intended and, further, could not replace Sterling P. Jones' "Migratory and Permanent Resident Birds," but that it ably abets it and fulfils its own purpose, you will agree. Lists may be purchased 2 for 5 cents or 50 for \$1.00 from Helen Einspencer, 1607 Continental Bldg., or at the lectures.

We are pleased to record the following additions to and changes in the Bird Club membership prior to September: New Sustaining Members: Ben M. Audrain, Adolphus Busch III, Charles F. Cook, Oliver Evans, Mrs. Frank M. Mayfield, Mrs. Eugene D. Nims, Henry O. Nouss, Pfc. Donald W. Schaeffer, A. Wessel Shapleigh, Mrs. Virginia B. Townsend, Herman F. Walz, Mrs. O. A. Wilson, Sr., Edwin J. Winkelmeyer. Changed from Active to Sustaining: Mrs. Clifford B. Allen, Alice Beaman, Mrs. E. V. Cowdry, Mrs. H. H. Hane, Joseph M. Mitchell, Martin Rust, Mrs. Elmer C. Van Sickle, Caroline Westphaelinger. Emma S. Buss, a Life Member, has also become a Sustaining Member. New Active Members: H. Buckles, Richard Cohen, D. P. Corey, Jr., Clinton N. Day, Otto F. Dingeldein, Mrs. R. Holliday Dobbins, Mayme T. Dreyer, Mrs. E. A. Elegood, Robert Elmiger, Caroline Finninger, George Fornuff, Mrs. Martin J. Glaser, Dorothy Gorsuch, Mrs. George C. Grant, Anna Hahn, Katherine Haid, LaVerne Haid, Nathaniel Harries, Ruth M. Harris, Margaret Heade, George C. Hitchcock, Mrs. Henry Hitchcock, M. E. Hoeyneck, Dorothy Hood, Mrs. Albert H. Huntington, Mrs. Frank N. Jewell, Mrs. Fanny G. Kenney, Viola E. Klatt, Elfrieda C. Koch, Oma Marie Koch, Nina C. Liedtke, Jerry Loth, Marie Loth, Mrs. Eugene James McMahon, Ellen J. McMullin, Mr. W. Rodger Marsh, Mrs. W. Rodger Marsh, Kenneth F. Martin, Mrs. May Carle Moore, Irene Morris, D. M. Morrison, Joseph B. Patrick, Leonard Paulson, Harry L. Phillips, Marguerite Pieper, Bernard Reed, Mrs. Bernard Reed, Edward Reinhardt, Margaret Reinhardt, Maude Reinhardt, O. W. Reinke, Virginia Rosenmeyer, Henrietta Saussele, Fritz Newell Schlueter, Bertha Schnessler, Ruth A. Shank, Mrs. Lilly Singer, Alfred Speer, Mrs. Clara L. Staib, Mrs. Roy C. Sutton, Anna E. Tensfeld, Eunice Thomas and Frank Tidd.

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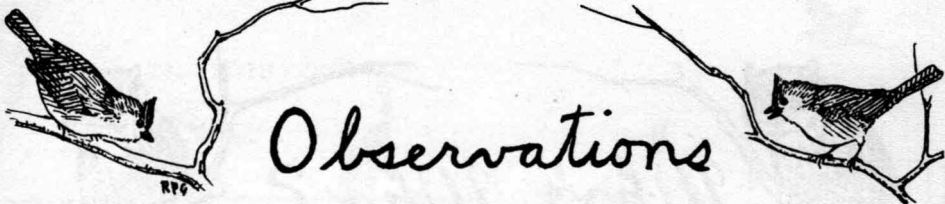
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IN RETROSPECT

The 1944-45 season was opened on September 15 by Dr. Olin S. Pettingill, Jr. His all-color film, "Growing Feathers", was received warmly by the "first-nighter" audience at Soldan High School. Although one of the most advanced lectures our group has had the pleasure to see and hear, the enthusiastic comments and intent discussions following the program were ample proof that our audience was not only capable of assimilating such advanced fare but was clamoring for more of the same. The film was a picturization of how a young bird develops from the time of hatching until adulthood, and an indirect account of the history of birds through prehistoric time. The film emphasized, particularly, the growth of external body structure, the development of individual social behavior, and the complexities of family relationships of altricial and precocial species of young cedar waxwing, hermit thrush, piping plover, upland plover, great horned owl, avocet, and many others.

An exhibit of bird art and photography from the L. R. Ernst Collection will be held at the Division of Audio-Visual Education at 4466 Olive Street for a four week period beginning October 23. This collection includes original water colors, etchings, color prints, and photographs collected by Miss Ernst over a period of many years. Members of the St. Louis Bird Club and their friends may visit the exhibit from Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Last April's Bird Walks will be remembered, most likely, for two reasons . . . the inclement weather and the broken records. Nothing daunted by the former, the latter was accomplished with ease. 125 species were noted during the month to surpass the previous year's record of 101. On the last walk of the season, another record was hung up . . . 96 different species . . . the largest number ever tabulated in the history of the organization. And the record broken was but a week old, 78 species having been seen on the previous Sunday. The highlight of the observations was the discovery of a Common Loon on the lagoon in front of the Art Museum. An Upland Plover was judged to be the number two bird of the season. Following are the species that made up the splendid total: Common Loon, Pied-billed Grebe, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Common Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Shoveller, Wood Duck, Lesser Scaup Duck, American Golden-eye, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Marsh Hawk, Sparrow Hawk, Bob-white, Coot, Kildeer, Wilson's Snipe, Upland Plover, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Greater Yellow-legs, Lesser Yellow-legs, Pectoral Sandpiper, Herring Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Mourning Dove, Night-hawk, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, N. Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Eastern Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Crested Flycatcher, Phoebe, Acadian Flycatcher, Wood Pewee,

Prairie Horned Lark, Purple Martin, Bluejay, Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, W. House Wren, Bewick's Wren, Carolina Wren, Mockingbird, Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Robin, Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Olive-backed Thrush, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Veery, Bluebird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Cedar Waxwing, Migrant Shrike, Starling, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Philadelphia Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Black and White Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Myrtle Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-poll Warbler, Pine Warbler, Western Palm Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, Northern Yellow-throat, American Redstart, English Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Eastern Redwing Blackbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, Bronzed Grackle, Cowbird, Scarlet Tanager, Summer Tanager, Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, Purple Finch, Goldfinch, Red-eyed Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Western Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Slate-colored Junco, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, and Miss. Song Sparrow.

AUDUBON WILDLIFE SCREEN TOURS

1944-45 Season

FRIDAY . . . SEPT. 15

"Everyday Wildlife": Olin S. Pettingill, Jr., Northfield, Minn. Soldan H. S. 8 P.M. FREE.

TUESDAY . . . OCT. 24

L. R. Ernst Memorial Program. Tribute by Wayne Short. "Friends in Fur and Feathers": Cleve and Ruth Grant, Jaffrey, N. H. Soldan H. S. 8 P.M. FREE.

TUESDAY . . . NOV. 28

"Alluring Alaska": W. F. Kubichek of Chicago. Soldan High School. 8 P.M. FREE.

THURSDAY . . . JAN. 4

"Wonders of the Southern Wilderness": Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Charleston, S.C. St. Louis U. Auditorium. 8 P.M. FREE.

SATURDAY . . . FEB. 3

"Bright Feathers": Murl Deusing of Milwaukee. St. Louis U. Auditorium. 8 P.M. FREE.

MONDAY . . . MARCH 26

"High Country": Alfred M. Bailey of Denver. Soldan High School. 8 P.M. FREE.

FRIDAY . . . APRIL 27

"Birds on the Home Front": Dr. A. A. Allen, Ithaca, N. Y. Soldan High School. 8 P.M. Bird Club Loyalty Night. FREE. Loyalty contributions asked.

MONDAY . . . MAY 21

"A Bird Artist at Home and Afield": Sara and Athos Menaboni, Dunwoody, Georgia. City Art Museum. 8 P.M. FREE.

ALL LECTURES FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Who's Who?



Wayne Short

made annually to a small number of carefully selected individuals who have been distinctively outstanding conservationists in Missouri during the year preceding the presentation.

The award to Wayne Short was for outstanding educational conservation work in his line of duties as Midwestern Representative and Assistant to the Executive of the National Audubon Society. Recognition was particularly for his activity with the Club, but also on a State-wide and Nation-wide basis due to his having set up educational lecture programs similar to ours in Kansas City, St. Joseph, and 17 other major cities in the nation.

Please pass this Bulletin on to a friend who might make use of the clipping below.

Missouri's highest conservation honor, the title of Master Conservationist, was awarded to Wayne Short, Club President, on September 23rd by the Missouri Conservation Commission at a banquet at Jefferson City. Master Conservationist Awards are

Due to increased responsibilities in other activities, Anne Bayha has resigned as Club Treasurer. Anne has been a conscientious worker, and we all are grateful for her services during the last year. The members of the Board have appointed Ethel Wolfe to this position for the remainder of the Club year. Ethel's acceptance is particularly magnanimous inasmuch as her duties as Club Secretary, to say nothing of her multitudinous efforts in behalf of other of the organization's functional requirements, command so much of her time.

Ethel Heuser, valuable and popular member of the Contact Committee, has become a Wave. Congratulations and best wishes!

The Contact Committee, with Mildred Reese as chairman, recently handled the distribution of twenty-five thousand Audubon Wildlife Screen Tours program folders. With a job of such proportions, it is indeed fortunate that this committee is so efficient.

Linus Hoffmeister, of our Editorial Staff, is the proud father of a baby boy. Linus' family is attaining proportions, this being the third addition.

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The St. Louis Bird Club, Ethel Wolfe, Secretary
1607 Continental Bldg.
St. Louis 8, Missouri.

I want to help present Audubon Wildlife Screen Tours to St. Louis. Therefore, kindly enroll me as a member of the St. Louis Bird Club in the category checked below. Enclosed please find \$..... to cover the cost of my membership.

- ☐ Sustaining Membership, \$5.00. A Sustaining Membership enables me to support more substantially the activities of the St. Louis Bird Club, participate in its lecture program, bird walks, and receive the Club Bulletin. It also entitles me to membership in the National Audubon Society and to receive the Audubon Magazine. I understand that a part of my membership fee will be devoted to the cause of conservation on a nationwide scale.
- ☐ Active Membership, \$1.00. This membership entitles me to participate in all of the activities of the St. Louis Bird Club, its lecture program, bird walks, and receive the Club Bulletin.

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